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ART UNIT 2172

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: M.G. Hamilton
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: Art Unit: 2172
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: Filed: May 24, 2000)
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

Sir:

The present Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the Pre-OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted," a copy of which is attached.

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In response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2002, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: